GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRCT

Agricultural Marketing Department — Procurement of Turmeric under MIS for Crop season 2019-2020 by AP MARKFED - Guidelines / Instructions — Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (Mktg. II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.157 Date:19-2-2020

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, Agriculture and Cooperation (MKTG-II) Dept., GoAP, dated 09-01-2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No.31, Agriculture and Cooperation (MKTG-II) Dept., GoAP, dated 13-01-2020.
3. DO Letter of Commissioner Horticulture No. P&M/Turmeric /MIS/2019-20 dated 20-01-2020.
4. From the Managing Director, AP Markfed, Vijayawada Lr No. Rc No. P&M/Turmeric /MIS/2019-20 date: 29-01-2020 addressed to Special Secretary to Government, Agriculture Marketing & Cooperation.

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Vide reference 2nd cited above Government of Andhra Pradesh has declared MSP for Fair Average Quality Turmeric as Rs. 6850/- per Qtl. Due to steep fall of Turmeric prices in the State, Commissioner of Horticulture vide DO letter 3rd cited requested Govt. of India to implement Market Intervention Scheme for Turmeric and orders are awaited.

2. Pending approvals from GoI, Managing Director, A.P. Markfed vide reference 4th has Submitted a proposal for procuring Turmeric under MSP during crop season 2019-20 in State Government account.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal and considering the exigency to procure Turmeric to ensure that farmers get remunerative price and relieve them from distress sale, here by order to procure Turmeric by AP Markfed with the following modalities.

4. If GOI approved the MIS proposal and if the price approved under MIS is less than the State Government announced MSP price then , the difference price shall be met from Price Stabilization Fund and stocks will be procured in Central Government account. The difference will be treated as State Govt. bonus on MIS price.

The modalities for procurement of Turmeric on MSP under MIS in the State Government account are as follows:-

a) The Procurement period will be from 20.02.2020 to 31.05.2020.

b) A maximum quantity of 50,000 M.Ts of Turmeric will be procured, under MIS scheme. AP Markfed is nominated as nodal agency for procurement of Turmeric under MIS for the 2019-2020.

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c) The Turmeric stocks that are meeting FAQ parameters are to be procured at Minimum Support price of Rs. 6850/- per Quintal FAQ grade specifications are enclosed (Annexure-I & II).

d) The procurement centers will be decided by the District Administration in the DLPC meeting of the concerned District. The area, production and yield data particulars for the Turmeric to be given by the Horticulture Department.

e) The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in e-Karshak portal of the Department of Agriculture/Horticulture.

g) To pass on the benefit of the scheme to more number of small and marginal farmers the maximum acceptable quantity from each farmer is restricted to **30 Qtls only** or actual whichever is less.

h) The procured stocks will be disposed of in the open market to ensure maximum realizable price to reduce the losses on government account. If necessary, this can also be sold to processing units, within the period of three months of the completion of the MIS operations.

i) In order to avoid recycling, the stock should not be sold in the same market/ State from where it has been procured during the period of the scheme. However, if the prices are better it can also sold locally.

j) AP Markfed shall furnish daily/weekly reports indicating procurements made under the scheme and the ruling market prices.

k) The State Government will arrange the working capital for AP Markfed for procurement of the requisite quantity of the commodity under the scheme from price stabilization Fund. In case of exigency, to make timely payment to the farmers, A.P. Markfed is permitted to raise loans from Commercial Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from State Government PSF.

5. The District Collectors will constitute the required procurement teams at procurement center. A procurement team to be constituted with one Horticultural officer, Representative from Marketing Department and A.P. MARKFED and an Assayer as decided by the Marketing Department.

6. The quality of the stocks will be verified and assayed by the Quality Assayers provided by the Quality-Assaying Agency, which is finalized by the Commissioner Agricultural Marketing. It is their responsibility to ensure that only FAQ stocks are accepted at procurement center and are liable for appropriate action if quality complaints on stocks arises at a later date.

7. The District Manager, A.P.MARKFED concerned will be the overall in-charge to ensure the quality, weighment, dispatch and storage of stocks in Scientific godowns/ cold storage points identified in the DLPC of the concerned District.

8. Any deviation found with reference to FAQ specifications will be viewed seriously and responsibility will be fixed on the members of the team concerned.

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9. The District Collectors of concerned districts will take necessary steps for smooth conduct of procurement operations. To avoid rush at procurement centers coupons may be issued. The arrivals will be regulated to the manageable limits by giving village wise/mandal wise programs to the farmers to bring their produce on specified days dates, so that the teams deployed at the centers can grade, certify quality, Weigh and dispatch the stocks to the various cold storages/godown points in the same day.

10. The procured Turmeric stocks should be stored in scientific godowns preferably with CWC/AP State Warehouse Corporation. Small AMC godowns/ private godowns with small capacities should be avoided.

11. If the space available with the scientific CWC/SWC godowns are completely exhausted, then DLPC of the concerned district will identify the Scientific private godowns/ cold storages in the District. DLPC will negotiate and fix the rents for season and off-season and also finalize the rates for gunny bags and transportation of the stocks to the nearest warehouse by constituting a committee headed by Joint Collectors.

12. Marketing Department shall position necessary equipments like Moisture measuring meters, weighing machines and earmark necessary sheds and godowns in the market yards. Similarly the A.P. MARKFED District Managers should also inspect the available necessary equipments at the procurement centers well in advance in order to make use of such equipments at the time of procurement. Agricultural Market Yard Secretary should also ensure to provide sufficient weighment and hamalis in the Market Yards.

13. The Marketing Department and the District Collectors shall take action to ensure the adequate publicity is given to the farmers through press, electronic media, beat of drum (tom-tom), leaf lets etc., to create awareness among the farmers about the MSP operations, and FAQ specifications, the location of procurement centers and the procedure being followed for procurement of Turmeric under MSP. All the required details to be displayed at the Village Secretariats in all the Turmeric growing villages.

14. The payment of money to the farmers should be done by online payments only.

15. Commission @ 2.5% on procurement of Turmeric will be provided to the purchasing agency i.e. AP Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to other administrative expenses involve thereof.

16. After completion of Turmeric procurement in the State Government account, the disposal of the Stocks will taken under the guidance of State Level Procurement Committee (SLPC).

17. AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on actual which include godown charges, packing material, loading /un-loading, commission, transportation, grading and packing stitching charges and hamali charges etc.

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18. After disposal of the stocks, Managing Director, AP MARKFED shall submit finalized accounts duly audited by statutory Auditors for reimbursement of losses if any by State Government as per the MIS guide lines in force.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.MADHUSUDHANA REDDY,
SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Vijayawada.
Copy to :-
The Commissioner of Horticulture, Guntur.
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, Guntur.
The Special Commissioner and Director of Agriculture Marketing, Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Guntur.
The District Collectors Kadapa, Guntur, Krishna, Kurnool, Visakhapatnam. Srikakulam, East Godavari and SPSRNellore,.
The PS to Additional Secretary to Chief Minister.
The PS to Minister(Agriculture, Cooperation & Marketing).
The PS to Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture).
The PS to Special Secretary (Marketing & Cooperation).
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Enclosures:-ANNEXURES-I & II

ANNEXURE – I

GRADE DESIGNATIONS AND DEFINITION OF QUALITY OF TURMERIC 'FINGERS' PRODUCED IN ANDHRA PRADESH

General Characteristics:-

1. The Turmeric 'fingers' shall be primary rhizomes of the plant "Curcuma longa L".

2. They shall

a) Be well set and closely grained and be free from bulbs (primary rhizomes) and ill-developed porous fingers;

b). Have the shape, length, colour and characteristic of the variety;

c) Be perfectly dry and free from damage caused by weevils, moisture, over-boiling or fungus attack except that 1.0 per cent and 2.0 per cent by weight of rhizomes damaged by moisture and over–boiling should be allowed in grades good and fair respectively.

d) Not have been artificially colored with chemicals or dyes.

Special Characteristics					
Grade Designation	Flexibility	*Pieces, % by Wt. max	Foreign matter, % by Wt. max	Chura and defective bulbs % by wt. max	% of bulbs by wt. max
1	2	3	4	5	6
Good (first Grade)	Should be hard to touch and break with metallic twang	3	1.5	1.0	3.0

Note: Foreign, matter includes chaff, dried leaves, clay particles, dust, dirt and any other extraneous matter. Length shall be reckoned from one tip of the finger to the other tip longitudinally. Colour of core and flexibility shall be reckoned from fingers freshly broken with hands. Chura and defective bulbs include immature small fingers and or bulbs, internally damaged, hollow and porous bulbs, cut bulbs and other types of damaged bulbs, except weevilled bulbs.

* Pieces are fingers, broken or whole, 15 mm or less in length.

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ANNEXURE – II

GRADE DESIGNATIONS AND DEFINITION OF QUALITY OF TURMERIC 'BULBS' PRODUCED IN ANDHRA PRADESH

General Characteristics:-

1. The Turmeric 'Bulbs shall be primary rhizomes of the plant "Curcuma longa L".

2. They shall

a) Be well developed smooth, sound, soft and free from rootlets.

b) Have the shape, length (not below 15mm), colour and characteristic of the variety;

c) Be perfectly dry

d) Be free from damage caused by weevils, moisture, over-boiling or fungus attack except that 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent by weight of rhizomes damaged by moisture and over–boiling should be allowed in grades good and fair respectively.

e) Not have been artificially colored with chemicals or dyes.

Special Characteristics		
Grade Designation	Foreign matter, % by Wt. max	Chura and defective bulbs % by wt. max
1	2	3
Good (First Grade)	1.5	3.0

Note: Foreign, matter includes chaff, dried leaves, clay particles, dust, dirt and any other extraneous matter. Length shall be reckoned from one tip of the bulb to the other tip longitudinally. Colour of core and flexibility shall be reckoned from bulbs freshly broken with nut cracker. Chura and defective bulbs include immature small bulbs, internally damaged, hollow and porous bulbs, cut bulbs and other types of damaged bulbs, except weevilled bulbs.

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